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## **QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN AND CEO RICHARD C. NOTEBAERT ASSUMES CHAIR OF NETWORK RELIABILITY AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL**

Washington, DC – FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell today announced that Richard C. Notebaert, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Qwest Communications International, Inc., will assume chairmanship of the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC VI).

Chairman Powell commented on his selection of Mr. Notebaert, “I am very pleased to have Dick take over as Chair of NRIC. His extensive background in the Bell system will provide important insight and expertise as we address the critical challenges in network reliability and interoperability, particularly in the areas related to homeland security.”

Mr. Notebaert was elected Chairman and CEO of Qwest Communications on June 17, 2002. Formerly, he served as President and CEO of Tellabs, a position he had held since 2000. Prior to working at Tellabs, Mr. Notebaert held the position of Chairman and CEO of Ameritech. Mr. Notebaert received a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin.

The role of the NRIC is to develop recommendations for the Commission and the telecommunications industry to insure optimal reliability, security, interoperability and interconnectivity of, and accessibility to, public telecommunications networks and the Internet. NRIC VI will work on traditional reliability issues with a strong emphasis on national security. The Council’s members are senior representatives of providers and users of telecommunications services and products, including telecommunications carriers, the satellite, cable television, wireless and computer industries, trade associations, labor and consumer representatives, manufacturers, research organizations and government-related organizations.